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29 June 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 29 June 1960

PRESENT: Gen. Cabell, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr, Mr. Irwin,
Mr. McCone, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Riddleberger,
Mr. Scribner, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Smith

1. Operations Plan for the Congo

Mr. Gray noted that there seems to be some confusion as to the sense of the Board's action last week with respect to the preparation of an Operations Plan for the Congo. After some discussion, the Board agreed that the Working Group should proceed at the earliest opportunity to develop some kind of plan, rather than going through the preliminary motions of determining whether and when such a plan would be feasible.

2. Advance Knowledge of Missile Tests

Following up the discussion last week, Mr. Irwin said that in order to avoid future incidents such as the transit satellites passing over Cuba without proper advance warning to the State Department, the appropriate working group will give briefings to the Board. These will deal with projected shots six months in advance.

3. Nuclear Inspection

Mr. McCone said that he had discussed with House leaders a proposed Joint Resolution to make it possible to give the Soviets details of devices which would be used by the U.S. in implementing inspection for nuclear activity. He reported that the Congressmen had been favorably inclined. He said that he had then discussed the matter with the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, which prepared an amendment to the resolution, which would require the Soviets to reciprocate. The White House then approved the draft resolution as amended and the next step ~~is that it will be introduced~~ *would normally be* in both the House and Senate.

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Mr. McCone said that he believes that any legislative provision for assuring reciprocity would be ⁱⁿunforceable and that therefore he does not foresee favorable Congressional action on this point. On the other hand, he felt that the declassification of certain devices might be feasible.

4. Procedures with Respect to Soviet Missile Shots

Mr. Gray noted the preparation being made by the Soviets for additional missile tests into the Pacific area and suggested that all members of the Board review the provisions of the OCB paper, dated 27 April 1960 (Procedures for Providing Intelligence Background Regarding USSR Guided Missiles, Space Vehicles or Other Related Activities.)

5. Conference on Test Suspension

Mr. Gray suggested, and the Board agreed, that the Working Group on Nuclear Energy consider what various implications for the climate of world opinion would exist if the Soviets walked out on the discussions on nuclear test suspension.

6. Release on Eniwetok

Mr. Gray then said that Assistant Secretary Snyder of Defense had asked the Board to reconsider its decision not to authorize the publicity release on the transfer of the Eniwetok Pacific Missile Range. After some discussion, the Board agreed that such a release could be made after 1 July, Gen. Cabell commenting that it might be a good precedent to make a release after the event rather than before.

7. Friction Between Soviets and Chicoms

Mr. Harr asked whether all responsible agencies are doing everything possible to exploit frictions between the USSR and Communist China.

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Mr. Merchant suggested that Mr. Bohlen be asked to attend the OCB luncheons approximately once a month in order to give the Board the benefit of his views on this and related subjects. The group agreed enthusiastically with this suggestion.


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8. Presidential Fourth of July Message

Mr. Washburn solicited the Board's views as to whether the President should be asked again this year to make a recording of a message directed to U. S. personnel abroad, which would be broadcast over the Voice of America and the Armed Forces Network. He noted that this could be so drafted as to have a beneficial effect on listeners to these media other than the ostensible target audience. The Board agreed that such a request would be in order.


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